



Acquisition Research: Creating Synergy for Informed Change

4TH ANNUAL ACQUISITION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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Keynote Speakers

The Honorable Delores M. Etter – Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development & Acquisition

Mr. Shay D. Assad – Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics)

Invited Panelists include

Dr. Pierre Chao – Senior Fellow and Director of Defense Industrial Initiatives, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Lorna B. Estep – Deputy Director for Supply, Directorate of Logistics and Sustainment, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command

Dr. Jacques S. Gansler – former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; presently Vice President for Research, Director of Center for Public Policy & Private Enterprise, School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland

Dr. Steven J. Kelman – former Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget; presently Professor of Public Management, John F. Kennedy School of Government

John J. Kubricky – Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Advanced Systems & Concepts)

Dr. Michael F. McGrath – Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation)

Kenneth E. Miller – Special Assistant for Acquisition Governance and Transparency to the Secretary of the Air Force

Jeffrey P. Parsons – Director of Contracting, Office of Command Contracting, Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command

Captain James J. Shannon – Program Manager, Naval Open Architecture, PEO IWS 7.0

Dr. Nancy L. Spruill - Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

Stan Z. Soloway – President, Professional Services Council and former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform)

Rear Admiral Lenn Vincent, US Navy (ret.) – former Commander, Defense Contract Management Command and Commandant of Defense Systems Management College; presently Industry Chair, Defense Acquisition University

Charlie E. Williams, Jr. – Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Contracting)

Lieutenant General Joseph L. Yakovac, Jr., US Army (ret.) – former Military Deputy (MILDEP) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics & Technology

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Synopsis: This symposium provides a forum for presentation and promotion of acquisition research carried out under the Naval Postgraduate School's Acquisition Research Program. Established in 2003, this program provides leadership in innovation, creative problem solving and an on-going dialogue, contributing to the evolution of Department of Defense (DOD) acquisition strategies. Objectives of the NPS Acquisition Research Program include:

- Establishing acquisition research as an integral part of policy-making for Department of Defense officials.
- Creating a stream of relevant information concerning the performance of DOD acquisition policies with viable recommendations for continuous process improvement.
- Preparing the workforce to participate in the continued evolution of the defense acquisition process.
- Collaboration among universities, think tanks, industry and Government in acquisition research.

Format: The symposium is organized into both plenary and concurrent panels in several tracks:

Symposium Topics include

Acquisition Reform	Acquisition Process Improvements
Acquisition of Services	Modeling & Simulation in Acquisition
Competitive Sourcing	Open Architecture
Enhancing Contract Performance Outcomes	Organization and Collaboration Issues in Acquisition
Contracting in Support of Military Operations	Issues in Technology Transition
Outsourcing	Cost Estimating & Analysis
Issues in Acquisition Management	Strategic Financing and Budget Policies

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